1	2	3	4	5
5	Nigeria	14.1	18.9	13.7
6	Singapore	10.8	55.9	57.8
7	Sri Lanka	3.4	5.3	17.8
8	U.A.E.	7.0	12 6	37.6
9	U.S.A.	74.9	151.2	187.7
10	Vietnam S.R.	..	5.3	19.0

Source : Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.

Indo-US Trade Panel

761. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to activate the Indo-US trade panel; and

(b) if so, what are the details of different fields to be covered thereunder ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) During the visit of the Prime Minister to USA in May 1994 it was agreed, inter-alia, that the Indo-US Joint Commission should be revived and meeting of the Indo-US Sub-Commission on economy and commerce be convened early next year. A Working Group on Trade exists under this Sub-Commission. This issue has been discussed at various levels thereafter for finalising the work programme of the Sub-Commission.

Trade Corridor between Malaysia and India

762. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Malaysia has proposed a trade corridor with India for better trade promotion :

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether similar arrangements will also be extended to SAARC countries ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Demand for opening International Border with Myanmar and China

763. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for opening the international borders with Myanmar and China for trade and transit was repeated at the thirty seventh meeting of the North-Eastern Council by the seven member States; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export House Status to Corporations

764. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have granted the Export House Status to

some corporations in the public and private sectors ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have provided any incentives and financial assistance to these Corporations;

(d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years; and

(e) the criteria fixed by Government for releasing such incentives and assistance to these corporations annually ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) Yes, Sir. This is being done in accordance with the provision outlined in Chapter XII of the Handbook of Procedures and Import Export Policy (92-97) revised upto 30th March, 1994.

(b) State-wise details of parties accorded Export House/Trading House/ Star Trading House and Super Star Trading House Status are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 172|Annexure No. 20]

(c) and (d) Incentives and facilities available to such status holders are :—

(i) Special Import Licence either on FOB or NFB basis for imports of items listed in Appendix XXXV of the Handbook of Procedures under normal Customs duty as per entitlement in terms of Para 217 A(a) of the Handbook of Procedures.

(ii) With effect from 1-4-94, as per entitlement import of car is also allowed of para 217(e) & (f) of Handbook of Procedures on normal customs duty payable in free foreign exchange out of status holders exchange earning foreign currency (BEFC) accounts as one time facility for their official use.

(iii) Import of gold & silver against payment of commercial rates of customs duty in free foreign exchange.

(iv) Market Development Assistance for export promotional activities abroad.

(v) Exemption from pre-shipment inspection from customs & other agencies.

(vi) Facility of submitting legal undertaking instead of Bank Guarantee to import duty free raw-materials/ capital goods for the purpose of manufacturing items of exports under Duty Exemption Scheme and EPOG Schemes respectively.

(e) I. Special Import Licence either on FOB basis or on NFB basis as per the following entitlement:—

Category of Exporter	Entitlement rate on FOB value of exports realised in the preceding licensing year.	Entitlement rate on NFB on the exports in the preceding licencing year
Export House	3%	5%
Trading House	4%	7.5%
Star Trading House	5%	10%
Super Star Trading House.	10%	15%

II. Entitlement for one time import of cars is as under :—

Export House	1 Car
Trading House	2 Cars.
Star Trading House	3 Cars.
Super star Trading House	5 Cars.

III. Entitlement for MDA is as under :—

	Air fare	D.A.	Publicity
For Sales/Study Team Manufacturing SSI Export House	60%	30%	..
Trading House, Star Trading House/Super Star Trading/ Large Scale Units/Merchant Export House	25%	12.5%	..
For participation in fairs/exhibitions through ITPO/BPC	50%	25%	25% not exceeding 10,000.

Export Promotion Industrial Parks in Kerala

765. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposals from the Government of Kerala for setting up of Export Promotion Industrial Parks at Ernakulam and Trivandrum ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government for the early clearance of these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As the Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) Scheme envisages the establishment of one park in each State initially, the proposal for setting up an EPIP at Ernakulam has been approved.

Robbing of a Boy by ITPO Security Guards

766. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a 13 year old boy was robbed of rupees 18,000/- by two guards of the International Trade Promotion Organisation on duty at India International Trade Fair-94, held during 14th to 27th November, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such an act by the security guards has been reacted upon sharply by the foreign participants;

(d) whether such an incident has lowered the image of the country; and

(e) whether Government have taken any action in the matter ensuring non-occurrence of such incidents in future?